

**REMARKS**

**Formal Matters**

Claims 1-42 are pending.

**Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action dated November 26, 2002, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement requiring election of one of the following groups of claims numbered I-XII.

**Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1, 2, 12, 13 and 21, without traverse.**

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement applicable to all groups, requiring election of nucleic acid sequence.

**Applicants hereby elect to prosecute SEQ ID NO:3, without traverse.**

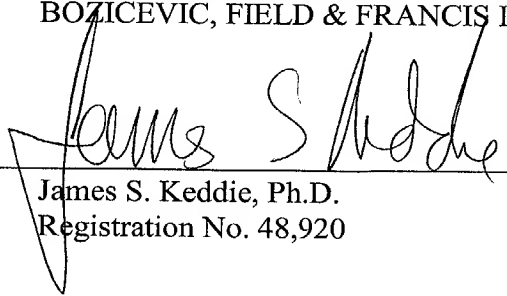
Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

Respectfully submitted,  
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